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SUBJ: VISIT OF AMIR NAYIF BIN ABDUL AZIZ TO QATAR

REF: DOHA 1045

1. ON MORNING OF OCT 13 SAUDI INTERIOR MINISTER, AMIR NAYIF BIN ABDUL AZIZ DEPARTED DOHA AFTER A THREE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO QATAR. AMIR NAYIF WAS ACCORDED A FIRST CLASS RED CARPET WELCOME TO DOHA. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS STAY, AMIR NAYIF MET WITH THE AMIR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD ALOWHANI AND OTHER RANKING GOQ OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS NAYIF MEETINGS WITH GOQ OFFICIALS CENTERED AROUND CONTINUED COOPERATION IN ALL AREAS BETWEEN QATAR AND SAUDI ARABIA AND PARTICULARLY AS THIS PERTAINS TO SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE GULF AREA. THUS FAR NO COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED ON THIS VISIT.

2. AMIR NAYIF'S VISIT TO QATAR WAS COVERED QUITE EXTENSIVELY BY LOCAL PRESS AND TELEVISION, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE ROUND OF MEETINGS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HELD FOR HIM, INCLUDING A STATE DINNER IN HIS HONOR BY THE AMIR, OF QATAR.

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3. COMMENT: DESPITE THE FANFARE ACCORDED AMIR NAYIF ON HIS VISIT TO QATAR, THE GOQ DID NOT INVITE DIP CORPS, AND OTHER "OUTSIDERS" TO ANY FUNCTIONS HELD FOR AMIR NAYIF. THIS GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF A GREAT IN-HOUSE VISIT, THAT FELL JUST A LITTLE SHORT OF BEING A VISIT BY A HEAD OF STATE.
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